GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1505
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NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to set up a National Blood Transfusion Authority to regulate the blood collection and distribution system in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the blood banks are facing a severe shortage of blood almost throughout the year in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to resolve the problem of shortage of blood in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) The issue is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)to(e) No reports of severe shortage of blood in the country have been received by the National AIDS Control Organization. The Government of India is supporting the state health authorities by providing equipment and funding for strengthening blood banks up to the district level; promotion of use of blood components instead of whole blood, organization of voluntary blood donation camps and setting up blood storage units in selected primary health centres.